(a) the progress made in the matter of providing the Male Hospital in Mattancheri and when do they expect to complete the scheme;

(b) what are the reasons for such protracted delay in the matter?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) The out-patient building and a Store room have been completed. The main ward has been sanctioned and the work given on contract. This will be completed say within 18 months.

(b) The reason for not starting the main ward is that there was a proposal to acquire some more land between the original site acquired for it and the backwater. This acquisition was over only recently.

Advertisement of the articles produced in Government Industrial Trade Schools.

212. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state what steps have been taken by the Government to advertise the articles produced in the Government Industrial Trade Schools?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(1) Government have arranged with the Secretary, Board of Industrial and Rural Development, Madras, to popularise all Cochin products both through their Central Museum and the exhibition which they would organise.

(2) Industrial Schools are also participating in the several exhibitions held both in and outside the State.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni.—May I take that no other steps have been taken so far for popularising Cochin products?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—A small amount of money is being paid. The original grant was Rs. 750 per year. It is now being changed to Rs. 100 a month.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni.—As a result of this popularisation have they been able to sell Cochin products?

Mr. I. N. Menon.— They have sold certain number of articles sent by the agency here. But the greater benefit had been in a different direction. We know what exactly are the articles that could be sold, what all wares could be sold.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan.—Does the Government propose to advertise these articles in foreign papers?

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Mr. I. N. Menon.—Since the work has been entrusted to a competent agency it is their work to advertise.

Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon.—If they do not sell the things, if they do not show sufficient progress in the sale, how can you find that out?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The most effective way with such an agency is to withdraw the custom.

Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon.— Are the Government prepared to do that?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—If the necessity is found to do so. As it is they are given $6\frac{1}{4}$ per cent commission on the sales.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Have the Government received complaints from their own officers that they could not purchase products made in the Industrial School owing to the high prices put on them?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—There has not been any such complaint. There was some complaint in respect of one or two articles. Some officers say that these things could be purchased from the open market at a cheaper rate.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni.—What is the total amount of sales?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Altogether Rs. 1,280 worth has been sold and the expenses comes to Rs. 300 and odd. We have got Rs. 900 worth of stock still pending sale. I am referring from the figures received last time.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni.—Have they made a report of the articles that find a ready market in such and such places?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—They have reported in respect of one or two articles as for instance in the matter of basket jars. 20,000 of them have so far been despatched to Europe.

The Maharaja's College—opening of the B. Sc. course.

213. **Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) what is the total amount of money which the University has asked the Government to spend as a condition of affiliation of the Maharaja's College in the B. Sc. courses;

(2) what is the special advantage of opening the B. Sc. course; for what professions will B. Sc. be preferred to B. A.'s.

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